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Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) Update



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National Vaccine Advisory Committee Update

- The most recent meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, or NVAC, occurred on Feb. 13-14, 2020 and focused on **vaccine confidence and vaccine innovation**.
- The Assistant Secretary for Health tasked NVAC with developing recommendations related to two separate charges, one on vaccine confidence and another on immunization equity. At the meeting, each subcommittee also provided an update to the NVAC on their progress.
- The next NVAC meeting will take place on **June 9-10, 2020** in Washington, D.C. You can find more information about NVAC on the OIDP website.



Upcoming Strategic Plans for OI DP

- OI DP will be releasing a number of strategic plans focused on or related to vaccination in 2020.
- These include the 2020 National Vaccine Plan, an updated National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan, and the first-ever STI Federal Action Plan.
- NVAC provided recommendations on the development of the 2020 National Vaccine Plan. The report was recently published in *Public Health Reports*.

Reports and Recommendations

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2020 National Vaccine Plan Development: Recommendations From the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

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Executive Summary

The National Vaccine Plan (NVP)¹ serves as a roadmap for the 21st-century vaccines and immunization enterprise. Mandated by Congress in 1987, the NVP has provided the nation with a comprehensive strategy for enhancing all aspects of vaccination for more than 30 years. The most recent version of the plan was released in 2010. As the immunization landscape and vaccination system continue to evolve, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to release an updated NVP in 2020. The plan will encompass a lifespan approach, covering vaccination from before birth into old age, to immunization policy and practice for the next 5 years.

To support this effort, the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) charged the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) on March 25, 2019, with developing a report and recommendations to guide the development of the updated NVP. The charge called on NVAC to assess the relevance of existing plan goals, integrate adult immunization goals, prioritize the top objectives within each goal, and identify stakeholders for engagement in the plan's development.

In response to this charge, NVAC established the NVP Development Subcommittee, which comprised NVAC members, several persons from the private sector with relevant expertise, and HHS staff members. The recommendations in this report will be part of a rigorous process used to inform the final plan, which the HHS Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) will release in 2020.

After careful assessment of the current NVP, the National Adult Immunization Plan (NAIP),² and midcourse reviews conducted by HHS³ and NVAC⁴ of the NVP, the subcommittee developed recommendations in support of a 5-year plan that reflects immunization priorities across the lifespan (Table 1). These recommendations include changes to each goal, as well as identifying the top 3 priorities poised to make the greatest impact within each goal. To complete the charge from the ASH, NVAC also recommended stakeholders to

engage during development of the NVP (Recommendations 2-5). The NVAC recommendations in this report will provide a strong foundation for the development of the 2020 NVP.

Introduction

In 2019, widespread outbreaks of several infectious diseases signaled a changing immunization landscape in the United States and around the world. Global measles cases increased dramatically.⁵ In the United States, the number of measles cases surpassed a 25-year high, with 1,241 confirmed cases in 31 states as of September 12, 2019.⁶ In addition, hepatitis A outbreaks affected 30 states, for an estimated total of 25,783 cases, 15,517 hospitalizations, and 259 deaths since 2016.⁷ These outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases underscore the threat of infectious disease and the important role a strong immunization system plays in preventing disease and promoting health.

The proliferation of online misinformation about vaccines is an example of how the immunization landscape has transformed since the release of the last NVP in 2010.⁸ The World Health Organization (WHO) recognized vaccine hesitancy as one of the top 10 global health threats in 2019, stating that these threats have the potential to reverse progress made against vaccine-preventable diseases.⁹ At the June 2019 NVAC meeting, HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar II made vaccine confidence an HHS priority, remarking that “one of the most pressing public health challenges our country faces is vaccine hesitancy, driven in part by misinformation.”¹⁰ Vaccination saves lives, but only if people trust that they are safe and effective, and agree to receive the vaccine. Vaccine hesitancy has left many communities undervaccinated, leaving them vulnerable to dangerous infectious diseases,⁹ such as measles.¹¹

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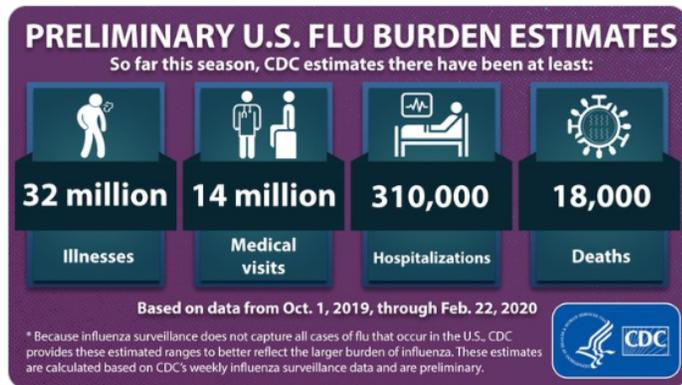


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Alex M. Azar II



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